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Inventor(s): Brian M. HILLIER et al.

Title: ELECTRONIC PURCHASING SYSTEM AND METHOD

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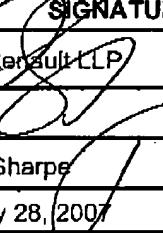
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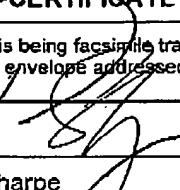
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**AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.